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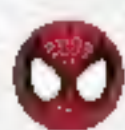
PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing SPIDER-MAN

TRUE COMPANIONS Part Three

When Spider-Man tangled with the size-changing monster known as GOG before, it always seemed more like Gog was being loyal to a bad master than that it was inherently bad. Spidey's having a hard time convincing Boomerang of Gog's goodness right now, though. They were in the sewer retrieving the last segment of the extraordinarily powerful Lifeline Tablet before the already-too-powerful Mayor "Kingpin" Fisk could get it, when Gog attacked! In fact, Kingpin knew the tablet had a guardian, and is hoping Gog'll take care of his rivals. What none of them know is that guarding the tablet is Gog's sacred duty, bestowed by the mother of an alien boy who died in battle--the boy who loved Gog.

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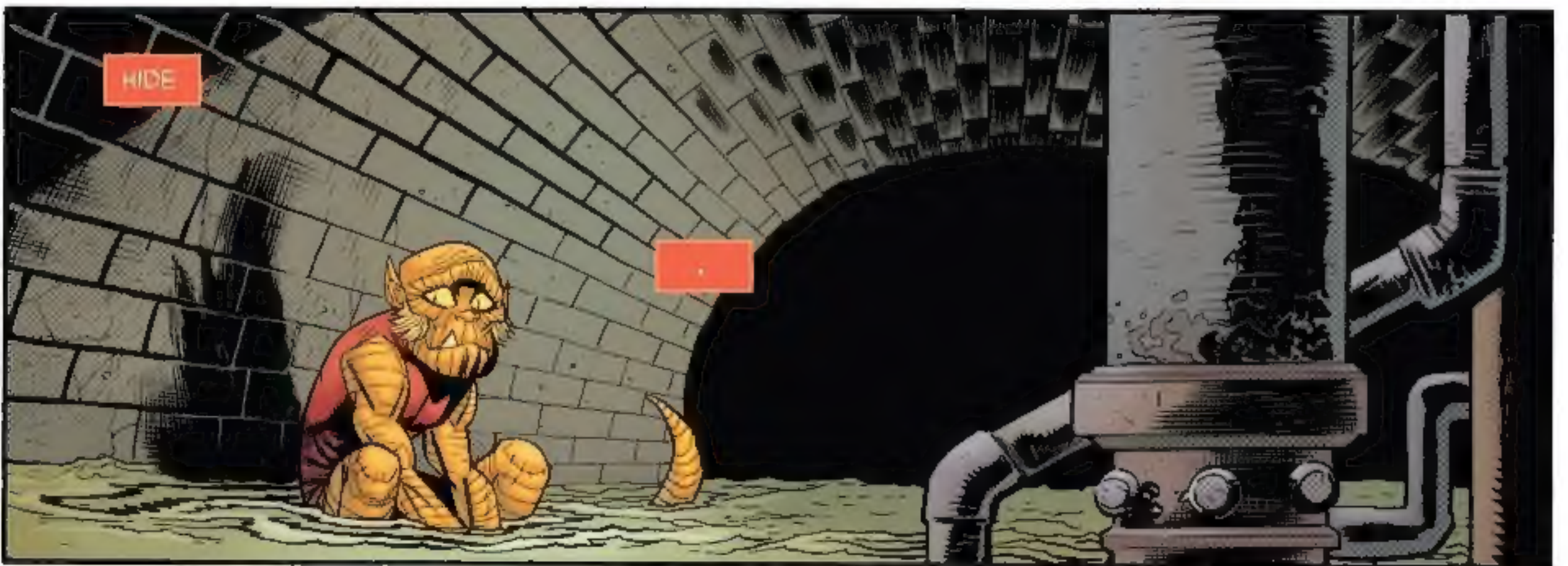
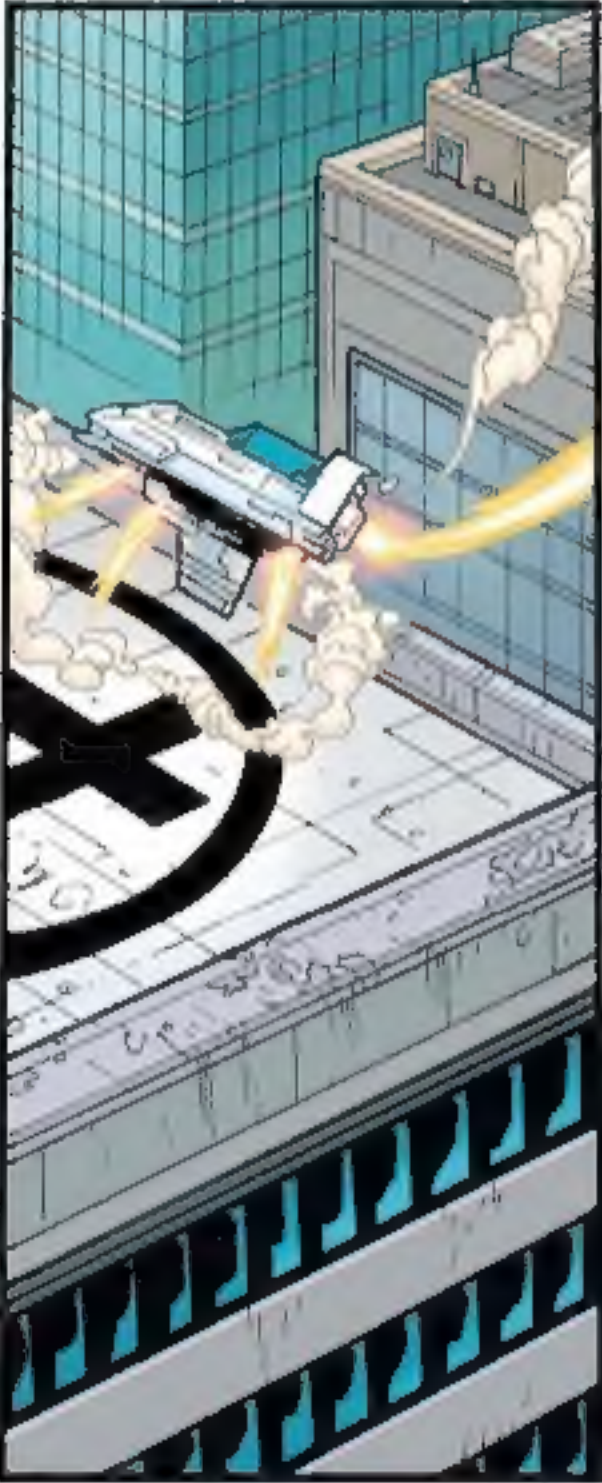
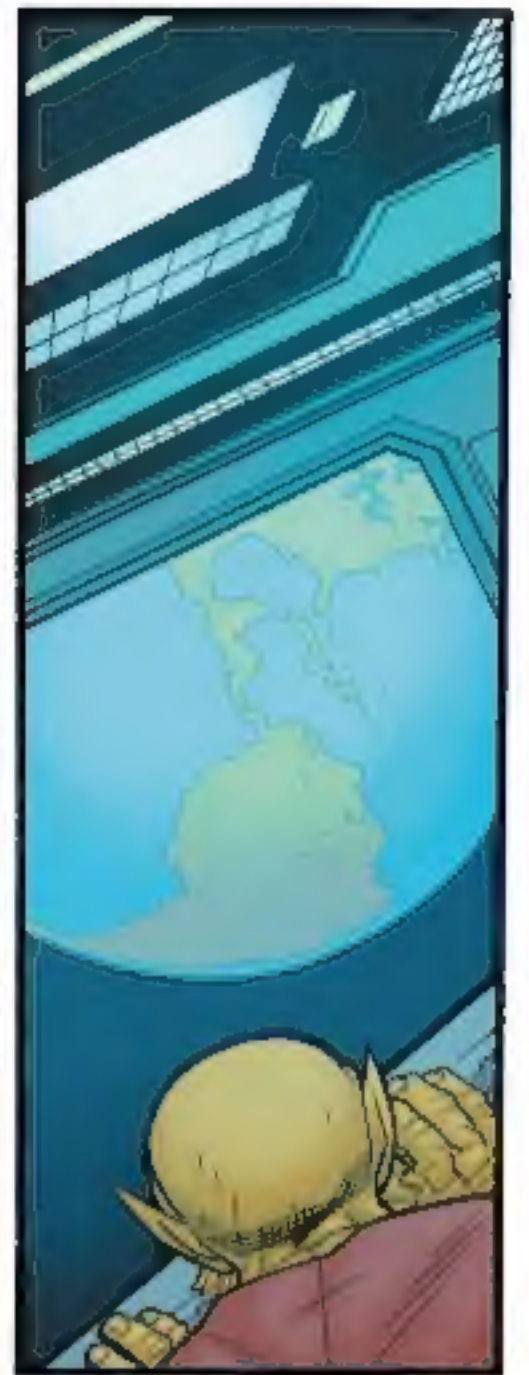
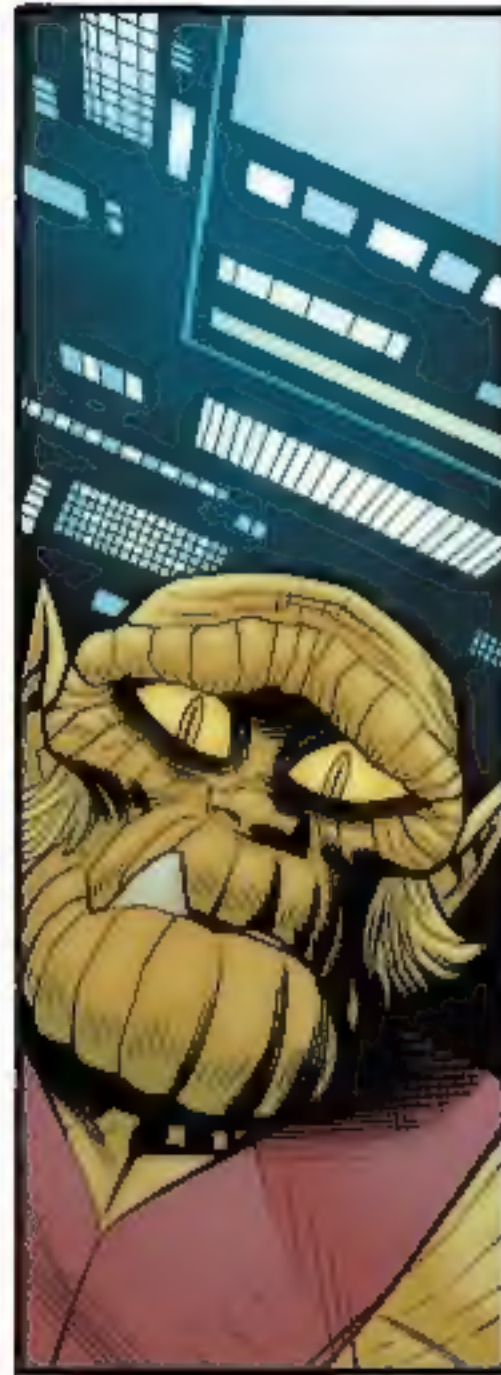
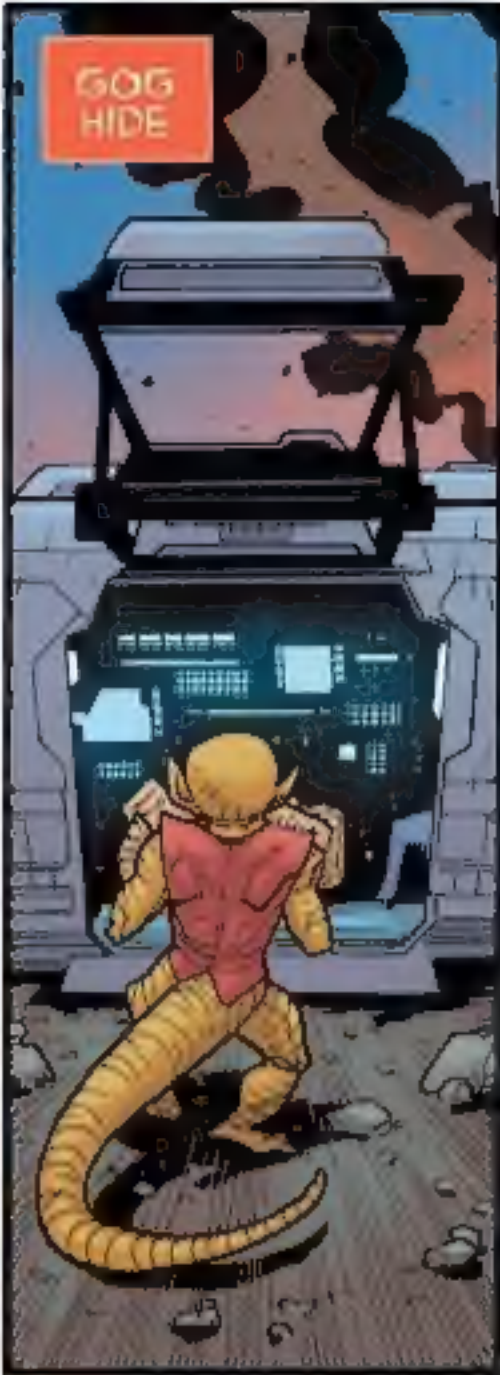
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NOW.

CAN'T FIGURE
OUT WHAT'S MOST
WRONG WITH THIS
PICTURE.

IS IT THAT MY
SCAVENGER HUNT
FOR THE LIFELINE
TABLET HAS ENDED
IN DISASTER?

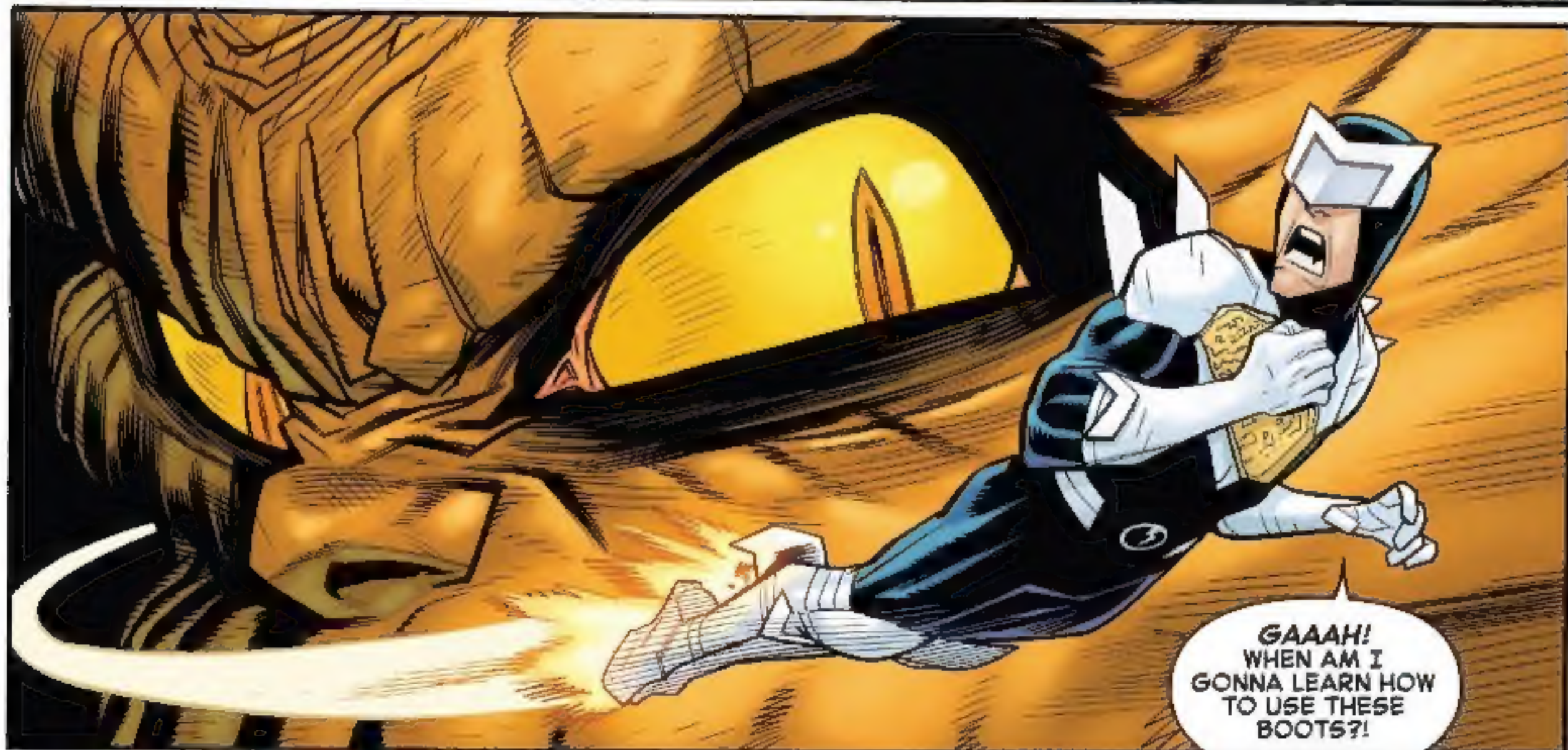
THAT GOG IS
SOMEHOW BACK
ON THE SCENE
AND MADDER
THAN EVER?

OKAY,
SERIOUSLY--
ANY IDEAS?

OH, I
GOT AN IDEA--
WE GOT WHAT
WE CAME
FOR--

OR, WORST OF ALL,
THAT IN THE FACE
OF ALL THIS, THE
PERSON I HAVE TO
COUNT ON--IS
BOOMERANG?!





IDIOT!



HE THINKS
HE'S GETTING AWAY
FROM GOG, WHEN
REALLY--



--HE'S JUST LEADING HIM RIGHT TO THE SURFACE!



MOVE FAST, SPIDEY.



A GIANT MONSTER IS ATTACKING NEW YORK AND IT'S YOUR FAULT!



FINE, MAYBE IT'S BOOMERANG'S FAULT MOSTLY, BUT I HAVE A COMPLEX.



EITHER WAY, PEOPLE NEED SAVING...



...AND NO ONE ELSE IS GONNA BE THERE TO--

SPIDER-MAN! THANK HEAVENS YOU'RE ALL RIGHT. DON'T WORRY--







--SEEING KINGPIN'S
MEN TURN THEIR
GUNS ON GOG TELLS
ME EVERYTHING I
NEED TO KNOW.

I CAN'T
LET THIS
HAPPEN.



SURE, HE'S A GIANT
MONSTER. BUT
WHEN IT COMES
DOWN TO IT--



--HE'S
MY GIANT
MONSTER.



I MEAN, JUST
LOOK AT THAT
FACE!



DON'T WORRY,
SPIDER-MAN! MY
MEN WILL TERMINATE
THIS TERRIBLE BEAST--
WITH EXTREME
PREJUDICE! SOON THE
STREETS WILL BE
SAFE--



APPRECIATE
THE OFFER, FISKY.
BUT I THINK I
GOT HIM--

THWIP

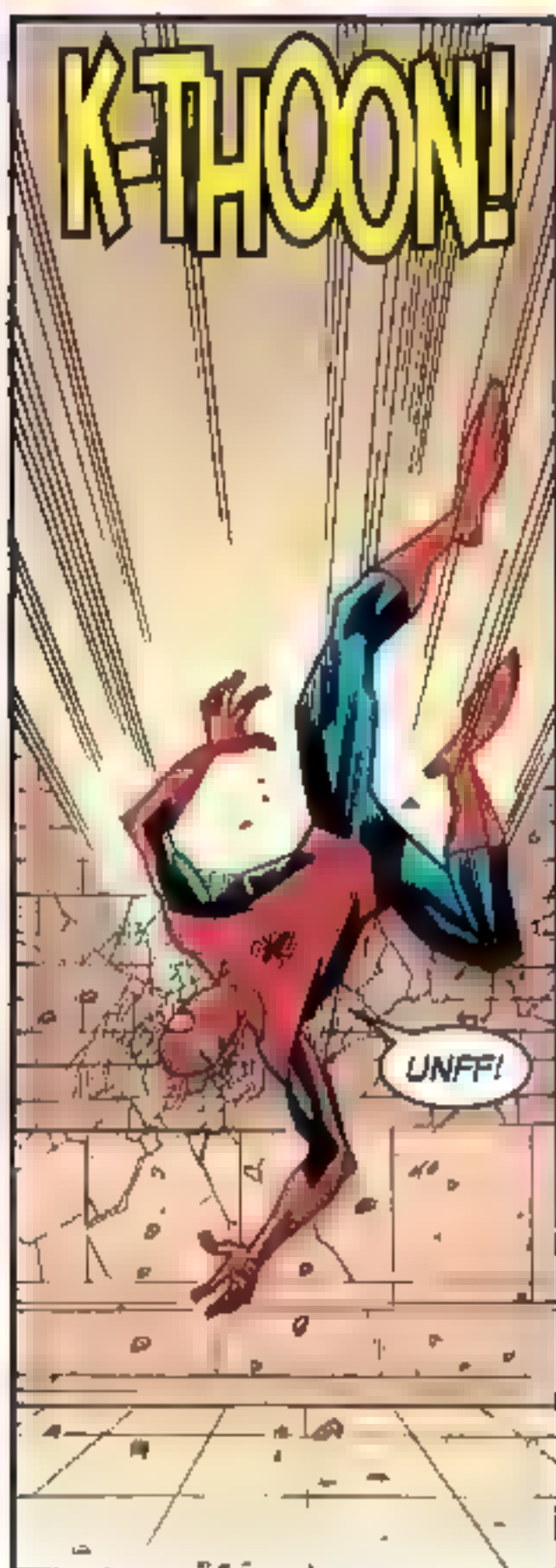
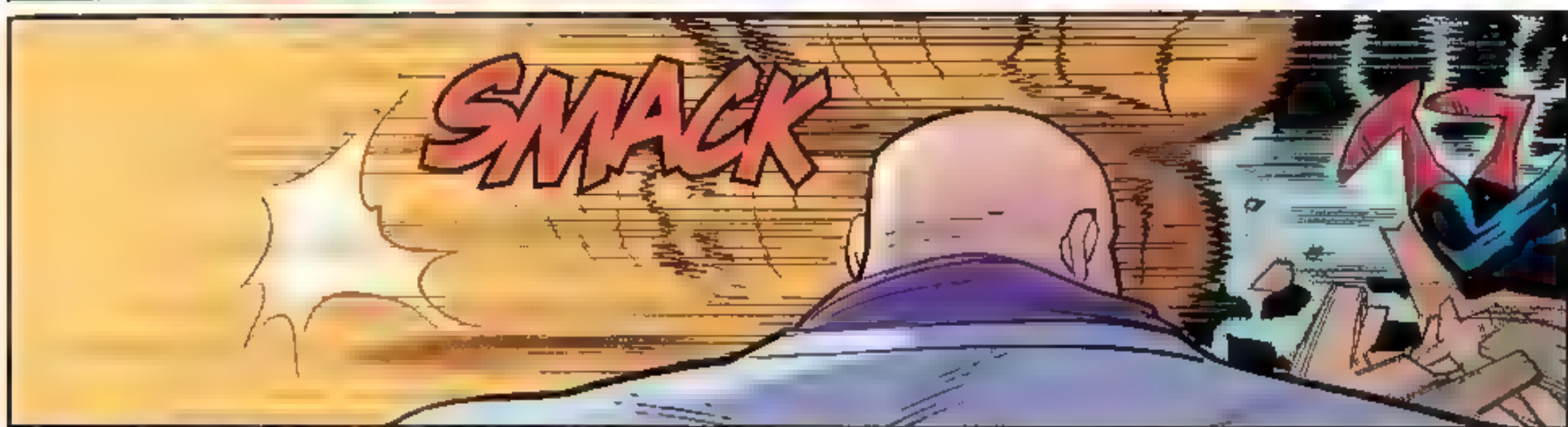


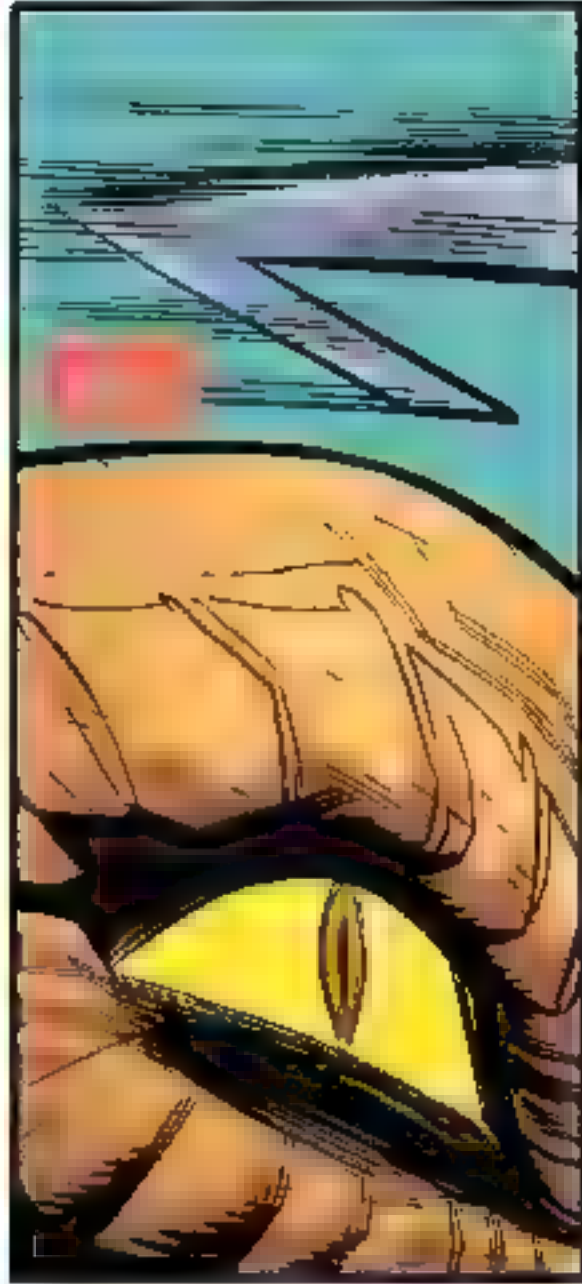
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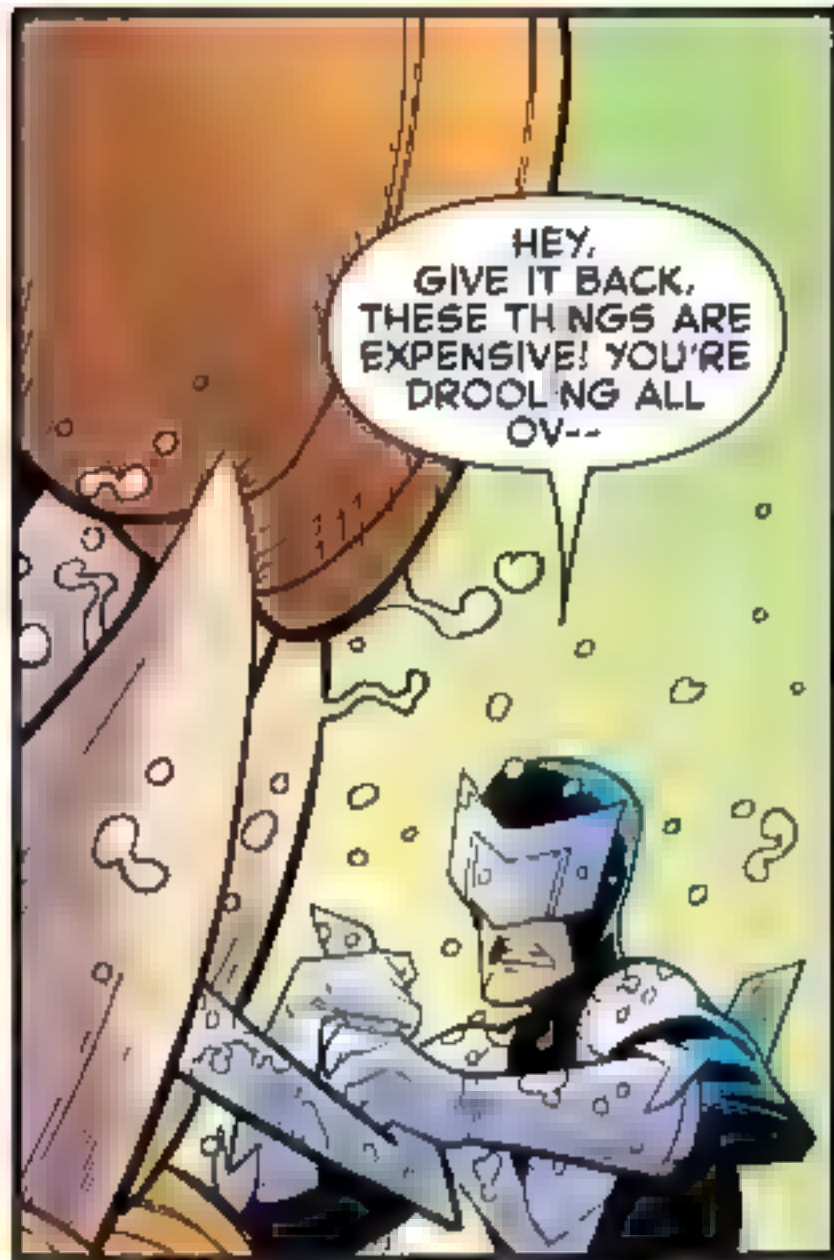
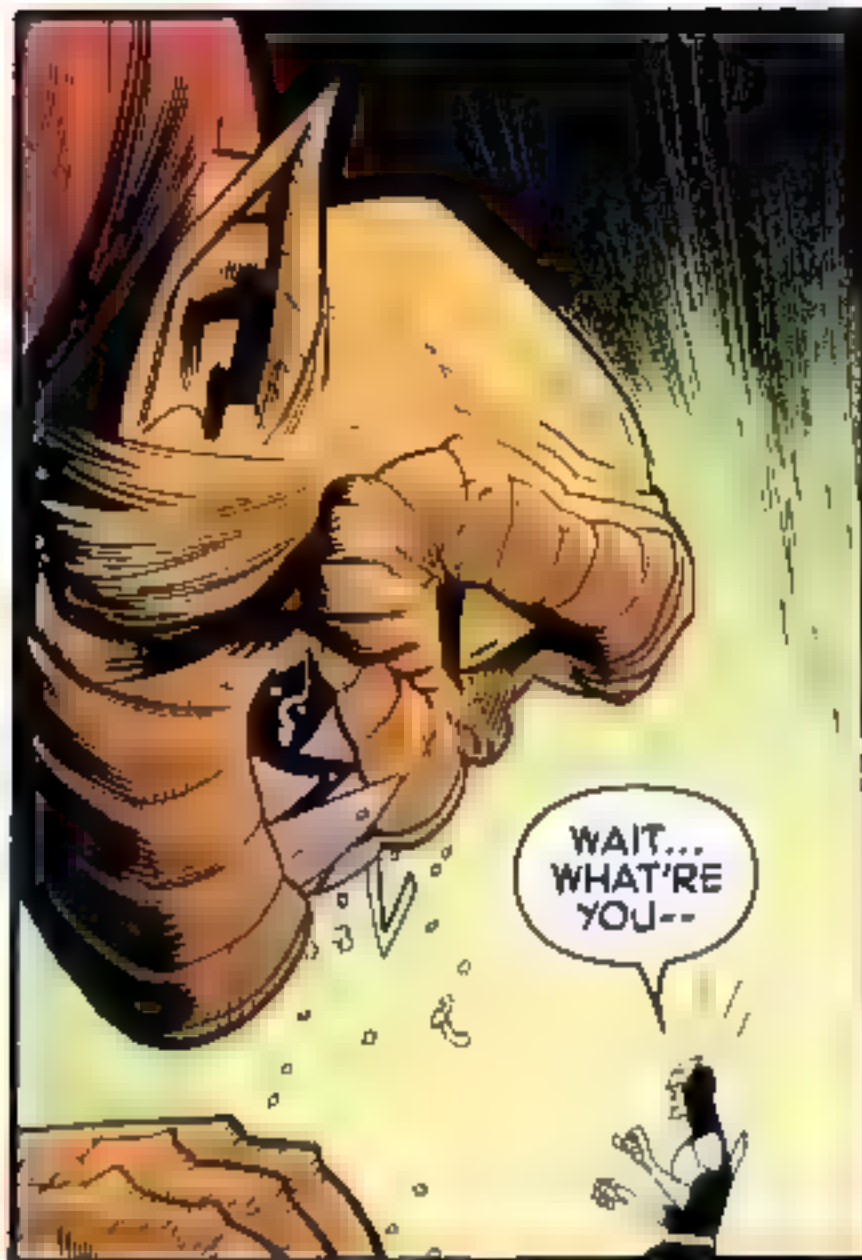
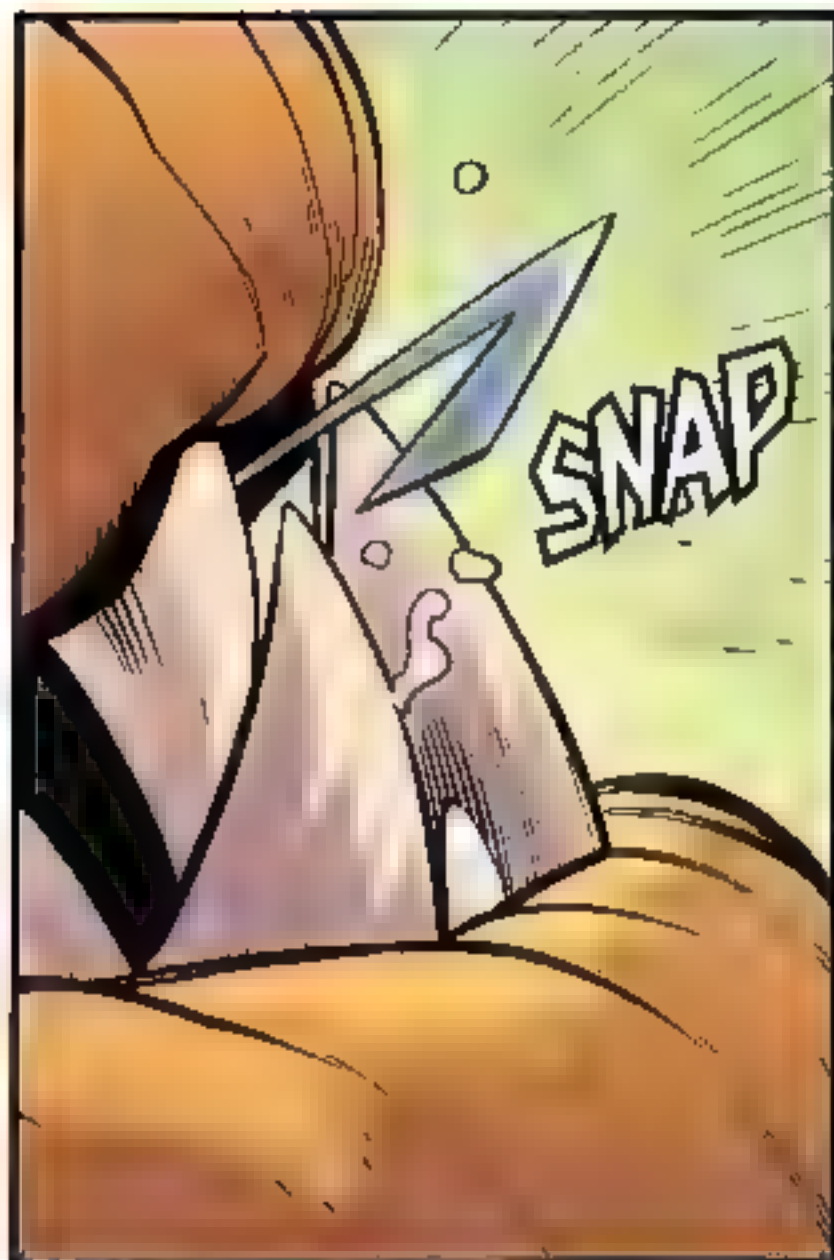


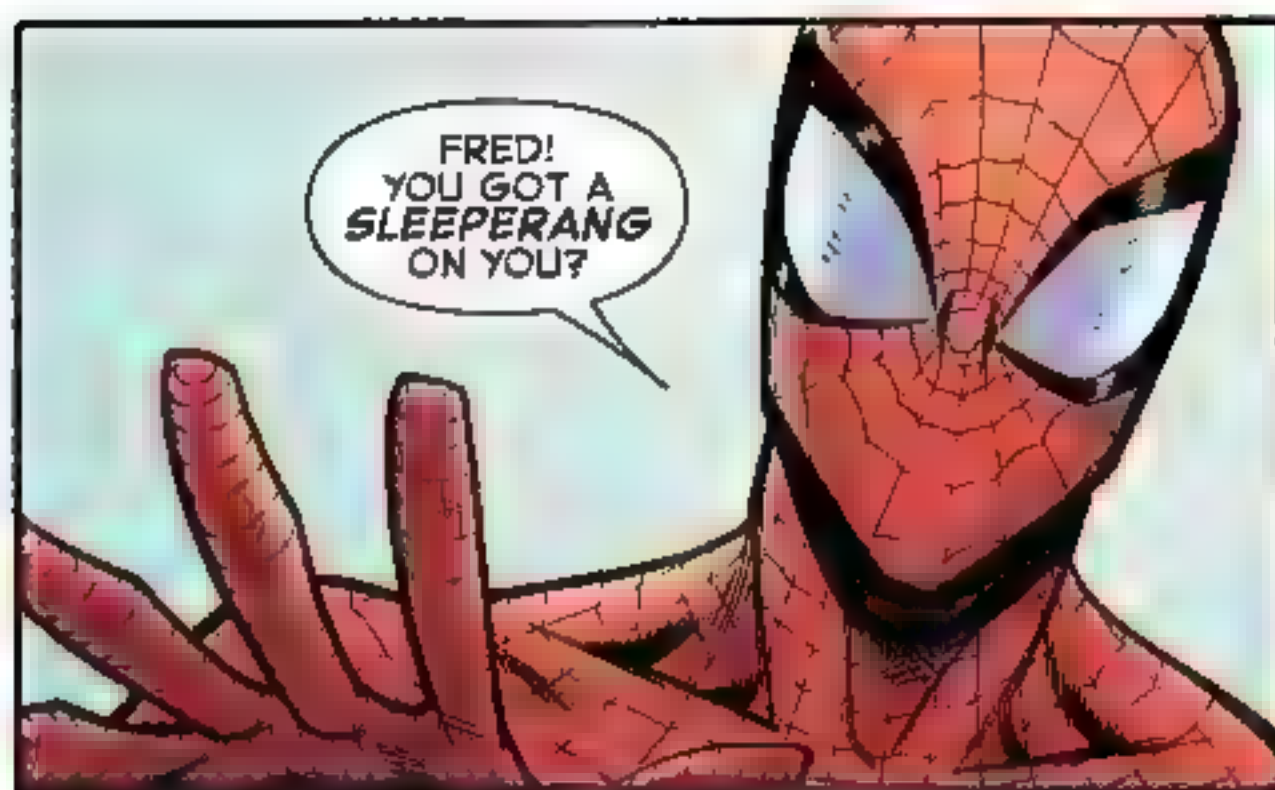
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AGAIN.



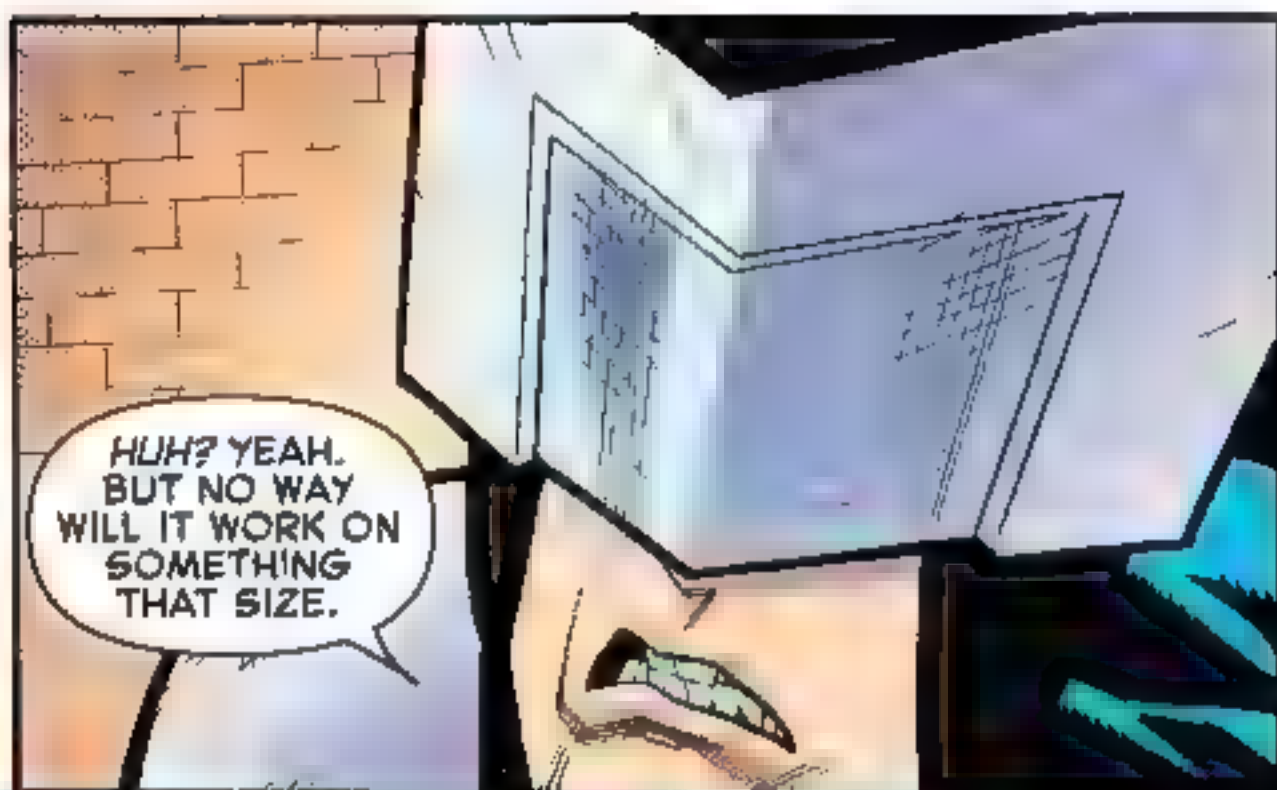








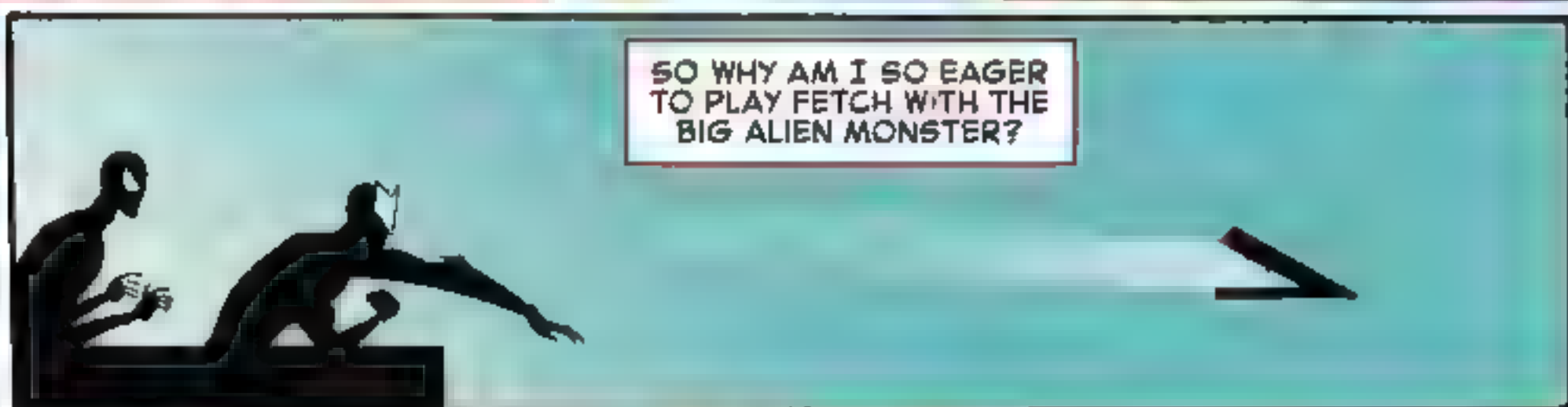
FRED!
YOU GOT A
SLEEPERANG
ON YOU?



HUH? YEAH.
BUT NO WAY
WILL IT WORK ON
SOMETHING
THAT SIZE.



IT
WILL--
--IF YOU
THROW IT IN
THERE!

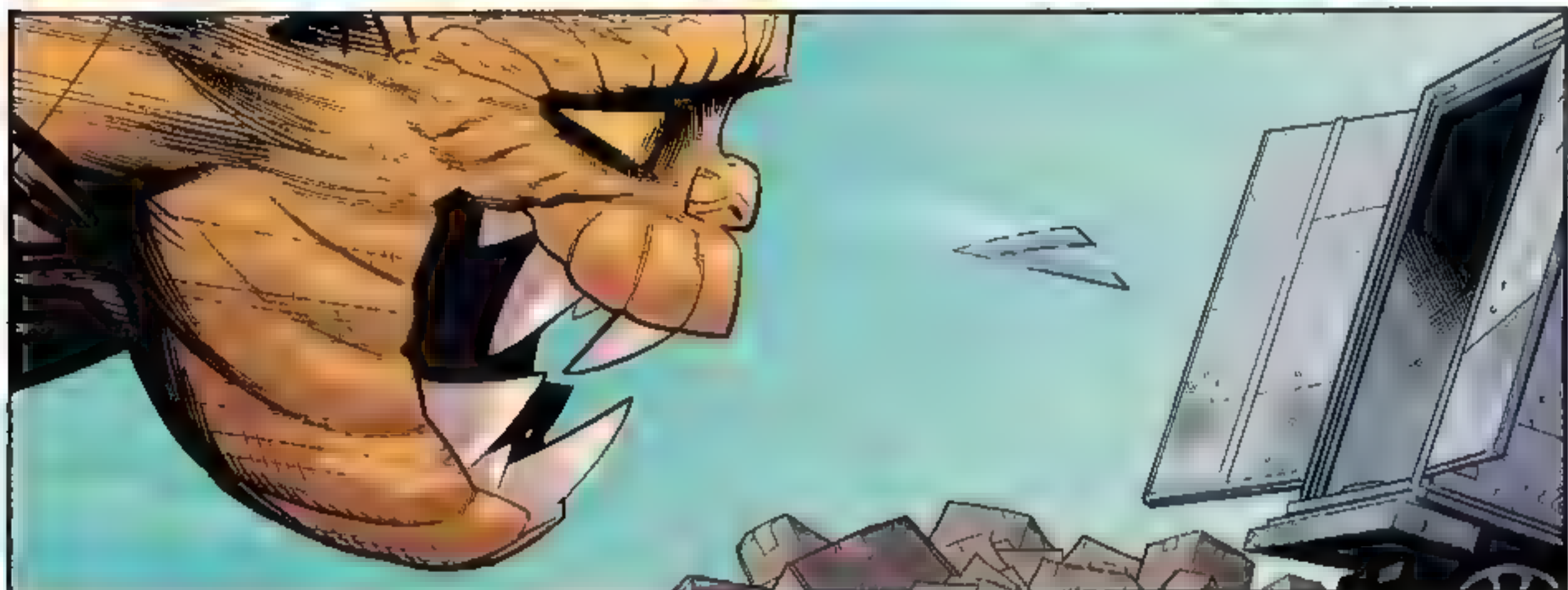


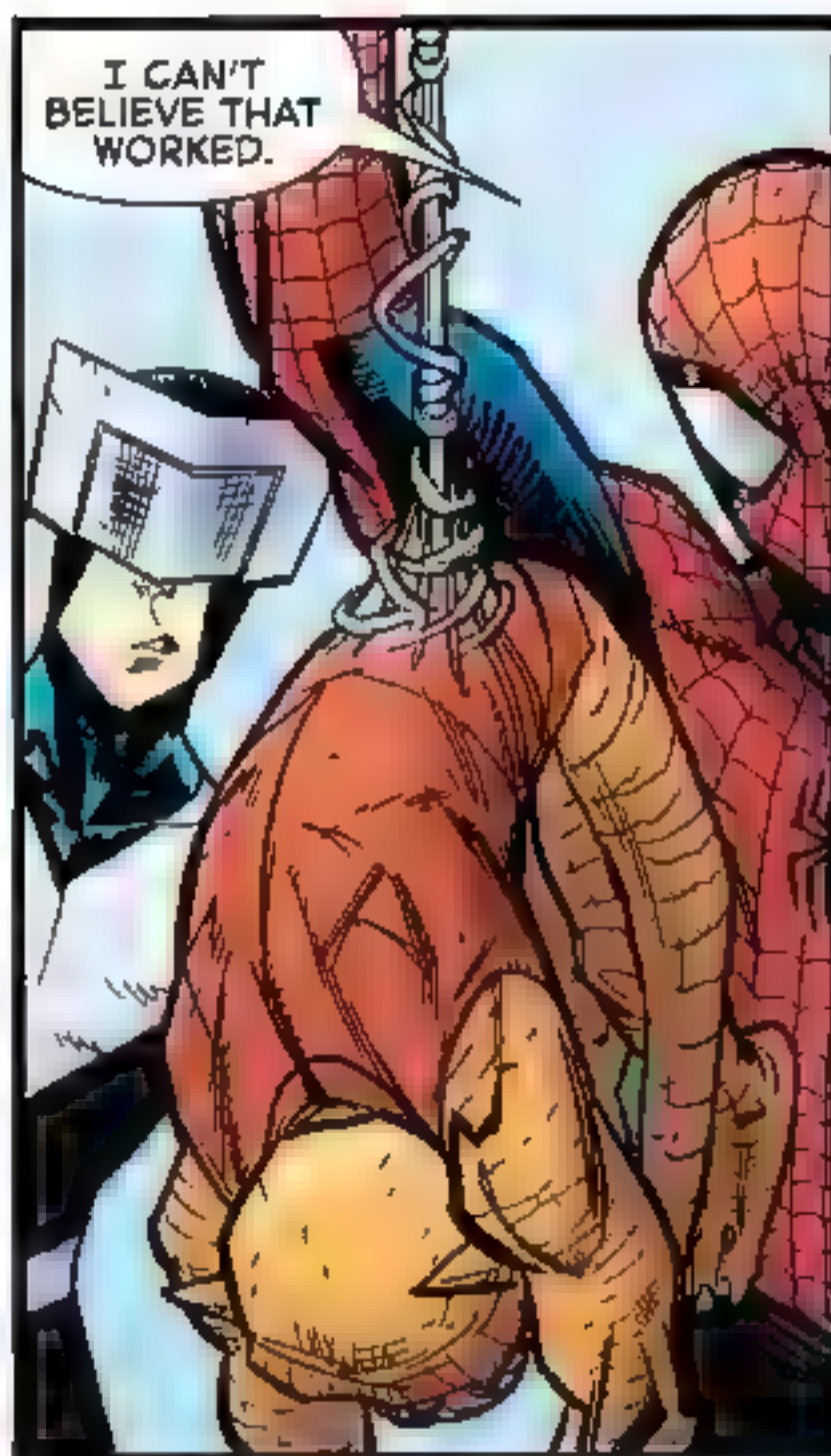
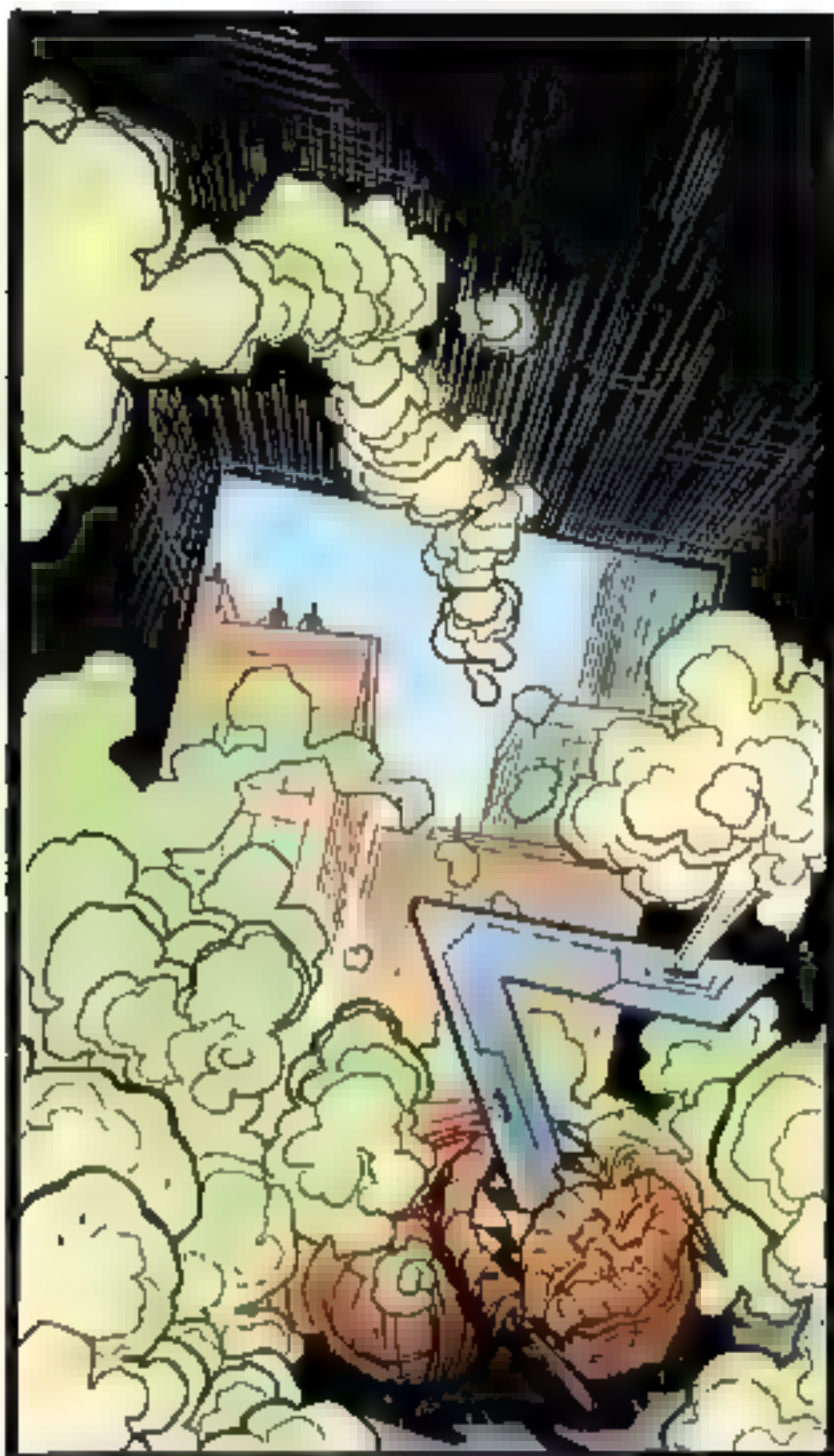
SO WHY AM I SO EAGER
TO PLAY FETCH WITH THE
BIG ALIEN MONSTER?



WELL, WHEN REED
RICHARDS SENT GOG BACK
TO HIS HOME DIMENSION, HE
GAVE HIM A HEAPING DOSE
OF PYM PARTICLES.

PARTICLES THAT
SHOULD STILL BE
IN GOG'S SYSTEM.
MEANING HE CAN
PROBABLY SHRINK
HIMSELF BACK
DOWN--





I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WORKED.

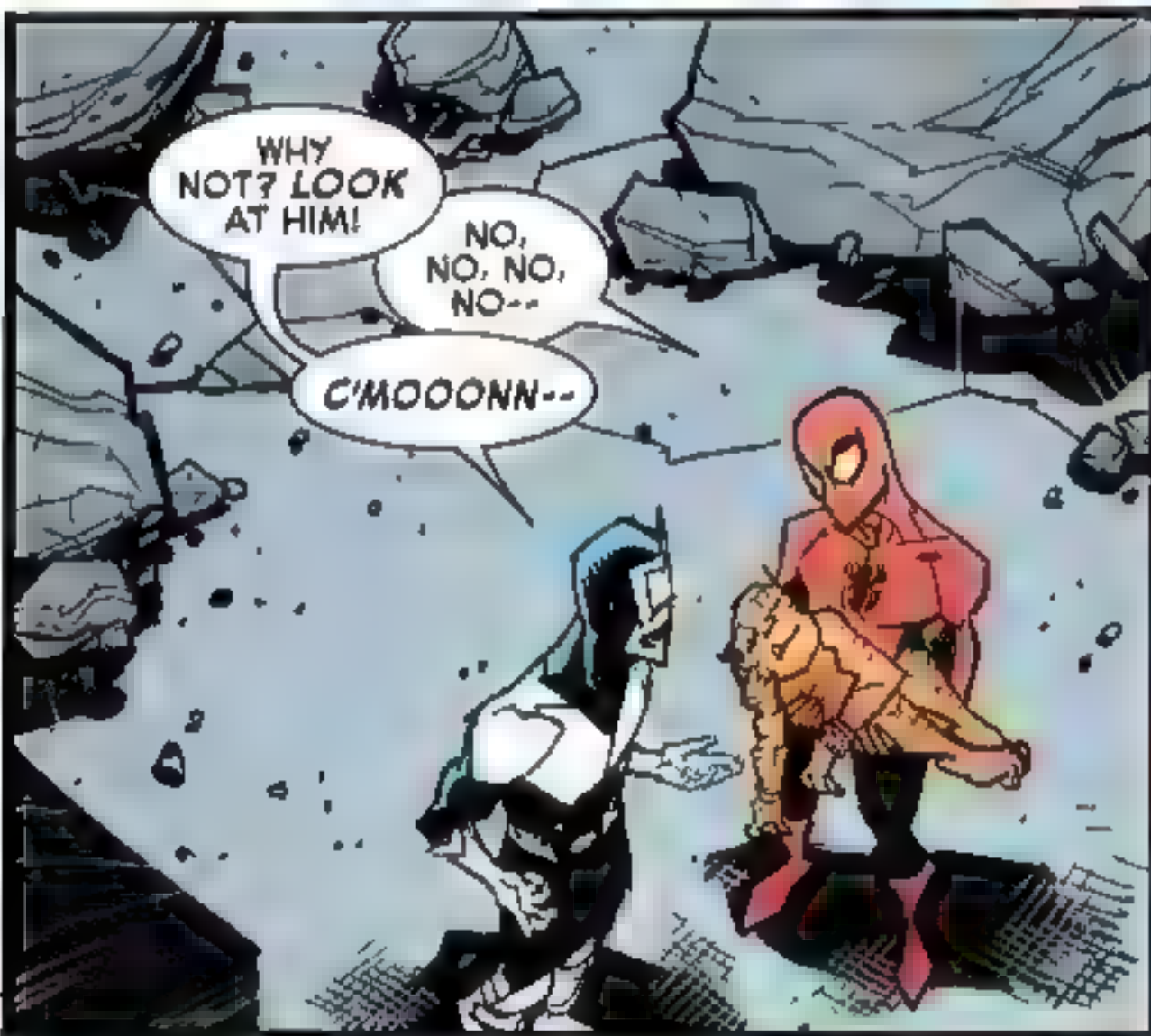


KINDA CUTE, AIN'T HE?

BOOMERANG...

WHAT? I'M JUST SAYING. I BEEN ASKING FOR MONTHS--

NO.



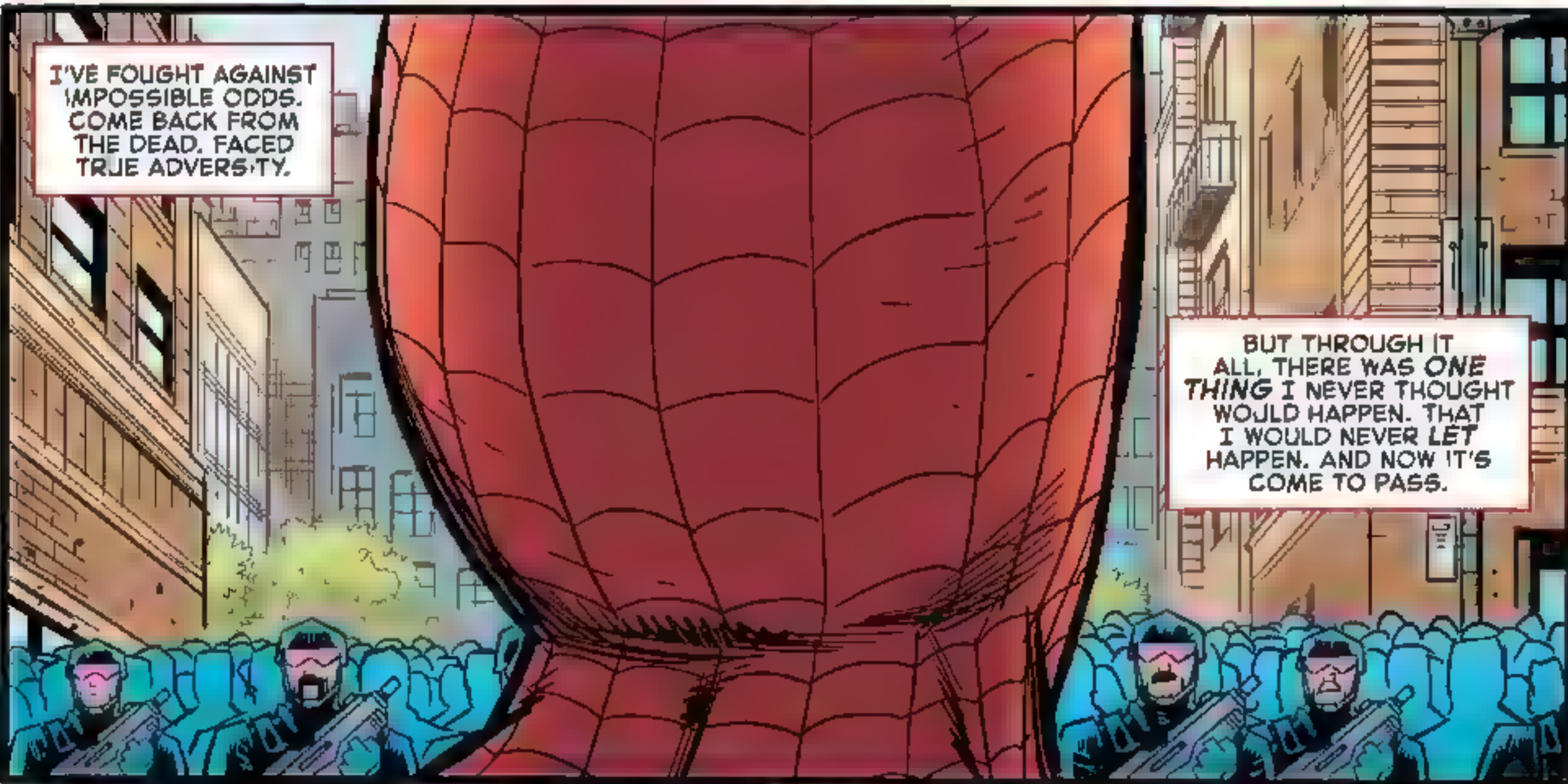
WHY NOT? LOOK AT HIM!

NO, NO, NO--

C'MOOONN--

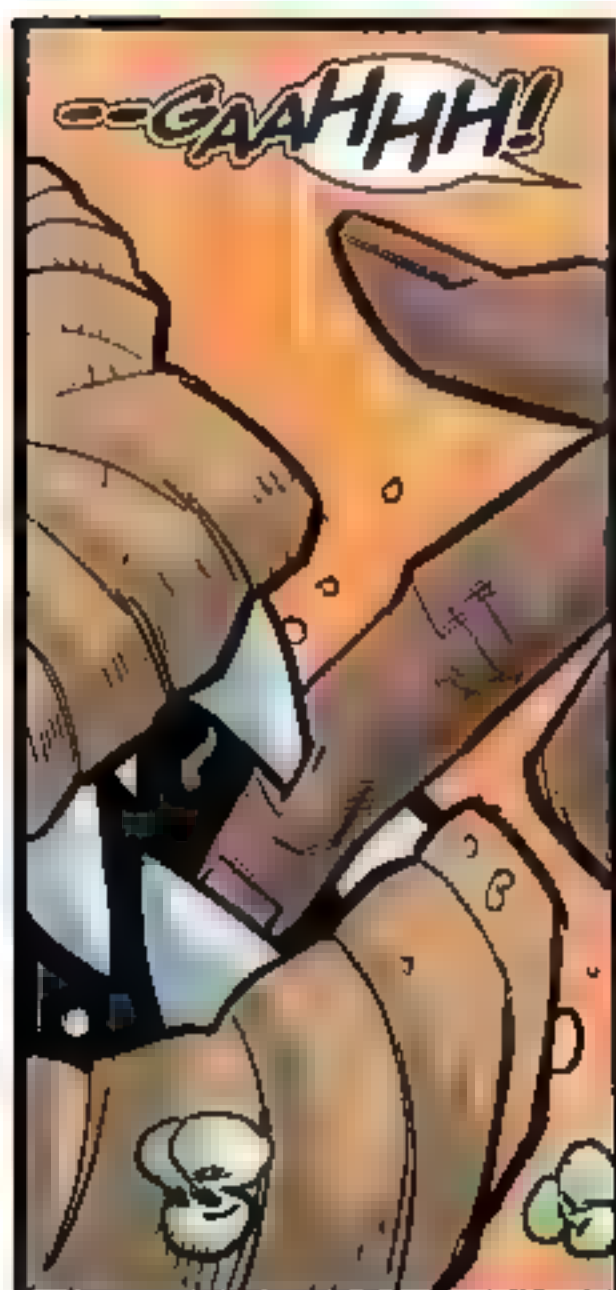
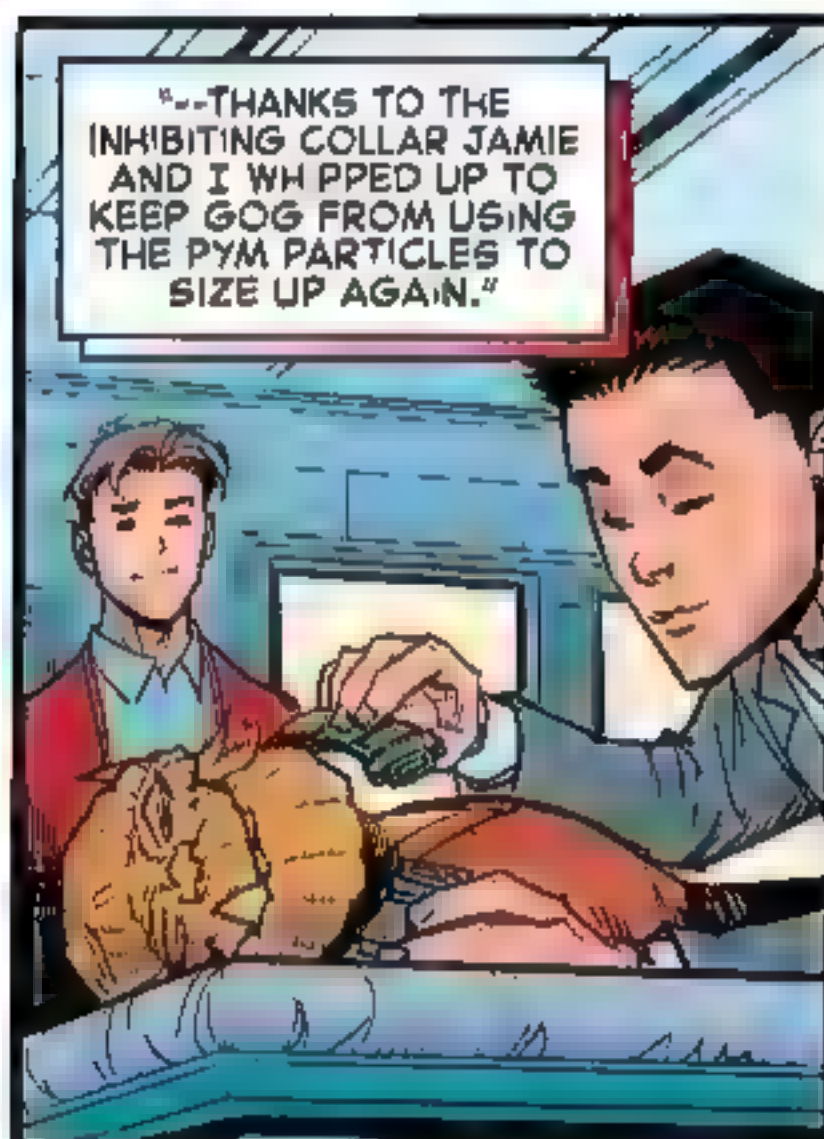
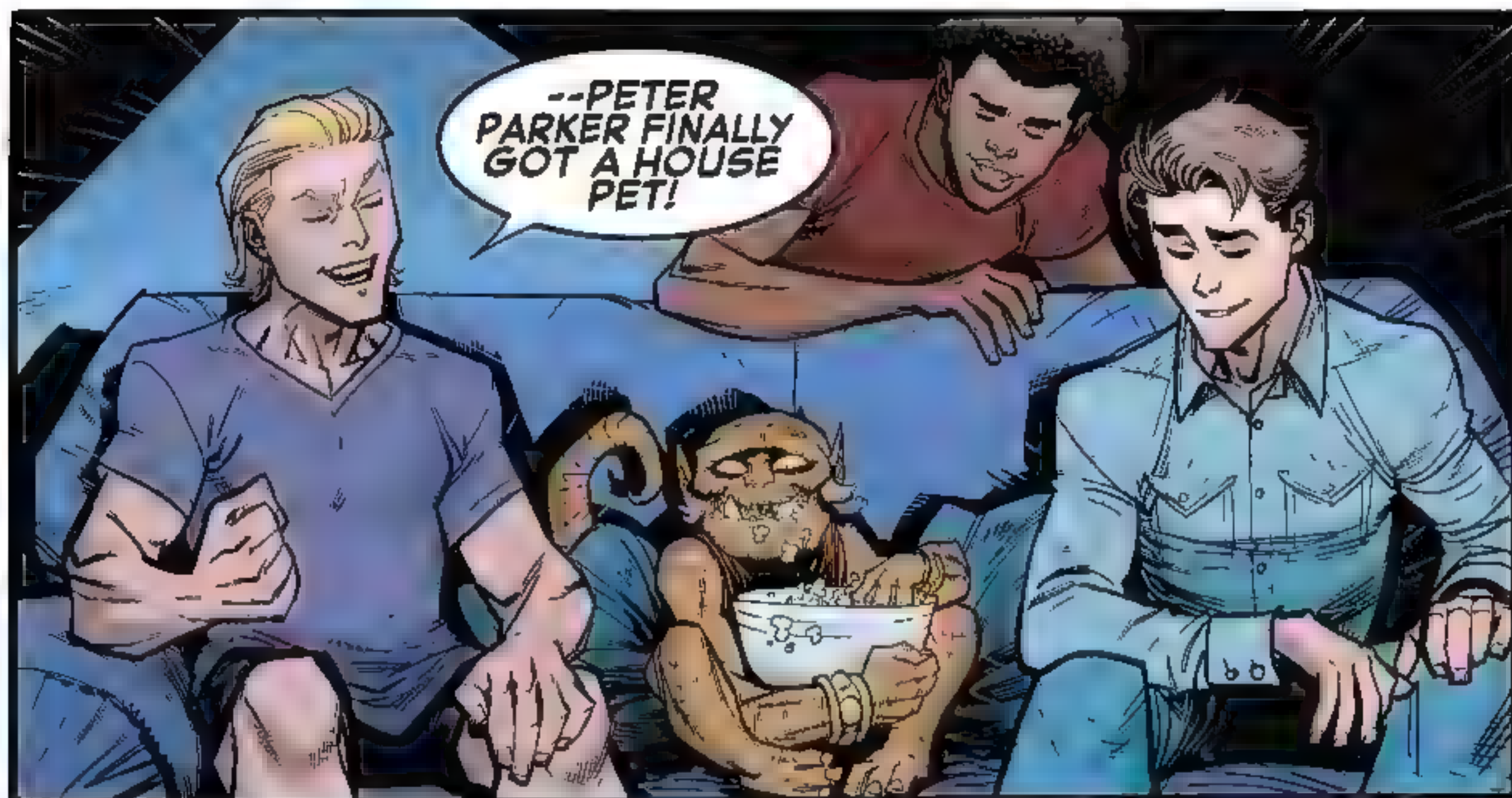


--YOU KNOW WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM HERE.



I'VE FOUGHT AGAINST IMPOSSIBLE ODDS. COME BACK FROM THE DEAD. FACED TRUE ADVERSITY.

BUT THROUGH IT ALL, THERE WAS ONE THING I NEVER THOUGHT WOULD HAPPEN. THAT I WOULD NEVER LET HAPPEN. AND NOW IT'S COME TO PASS.





LIKE I SAID
BEFORE, I HAVE A
RESPONSIBILITY
COMPLEX.

THIS IS ONE RESPONSIBILITY
I'VE BEEN WEIRDLY TRYING
TO AVOID, THOUGH. GUESS
I ALWAYS THOUGHT I'D BE
TERRIBLE AT IT.

BUT SEEING GOG
LIKE THIS, I CAN'T
HELP BUT SENSE
SOME STUFF...



JUST A FEELING THAT
WE BOTH KNOW WHAT
IT'S LIKE TO LOSE
EVERYTHING.



THAT WE'RE BOTH JUST
TRYING TO DO WHAT'S
RIGHT IN THE FACE OF
THOSE TRAGEDIES.



AND HOPING WE
CAN FIND OTHERS
TO CARE FOR AS
WE MOVE ON.

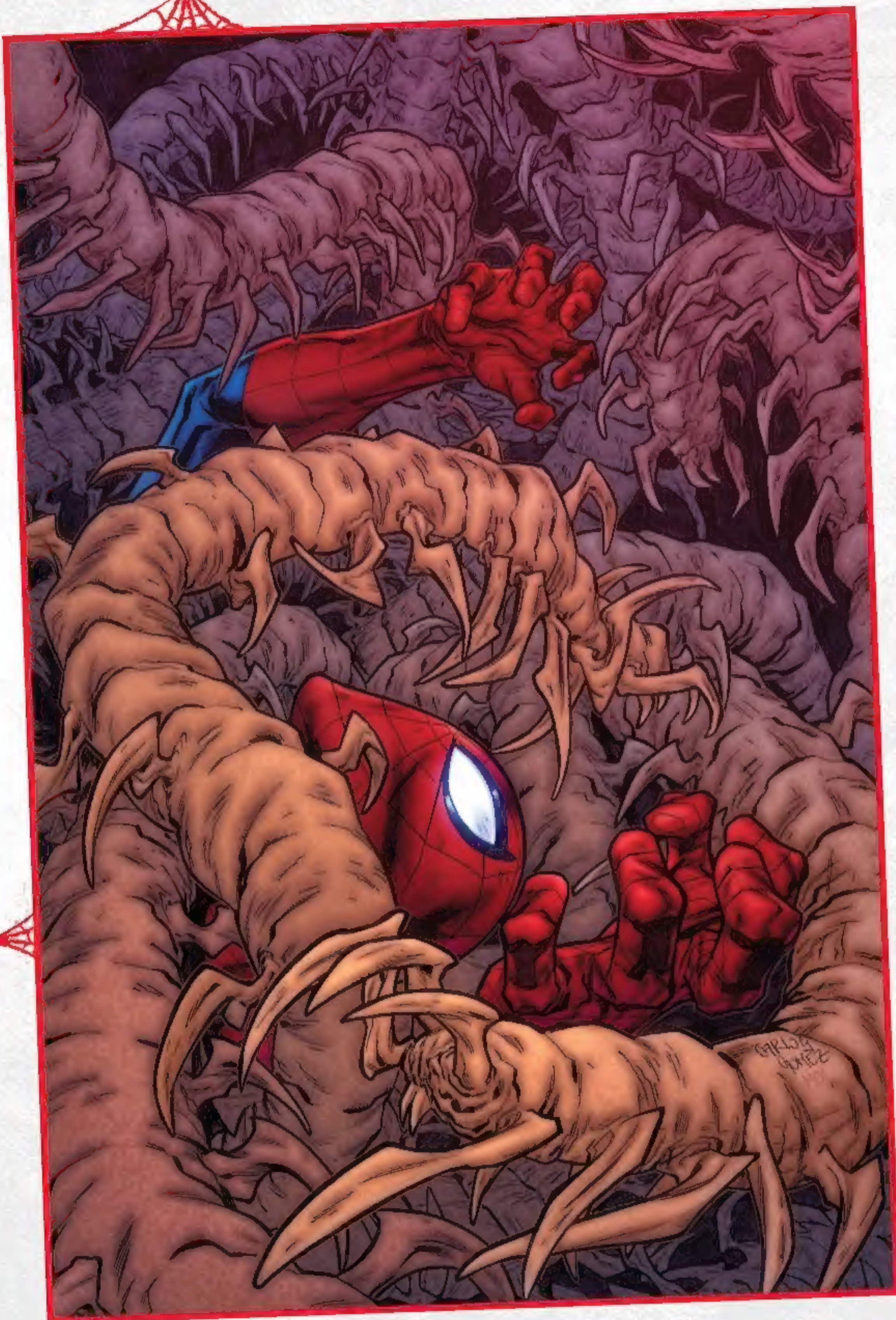


SO YEAH, PETER PARKER
(AND SPIDER-MAN) GOT
A HOUSE PET. AND THUS
FAR? GOTTA ADMIT--

--IT'S PRETTY
AMAZING.

TO BE
CONTINUED!

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